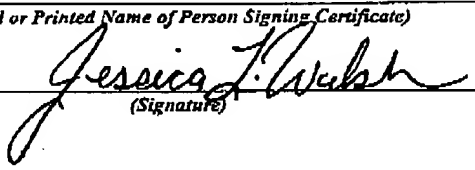


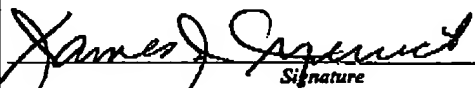
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<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>  This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>05/09/2003</u> in the above-identified application. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Date</div> The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> One month         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Three months         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Four months         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Five months         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">             from: <u>08/09/2003</u>  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Date</div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">             until: <u>10/09/2003</u>  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Date</div> </div> </div>  The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:					
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TOTAL CLAIMS	37 -	36 =	1	x \$18.00	\$18.00
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Responsive to the Office action of May 9, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration of the outstanding rejection in view of the following amendments and remarks.